

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 – 8 remain in this application. Claims 1 – 4, 6 have been amended. Claims 21 – 33 have been canceled. New claims 34 – 36 have been added. Claims 9 – 20 have been withdrawn as a result of an earlier restriction requirement. In view of the examiner's earlier restriction requirement, applicant retains the right to present claims 9 – 20 in a divisional application.

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, favorable reconsideration of the outstanding office action is respectfully requested.

§ 112 Rejections

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-8 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Applicant believes the amendments above correct the § 112 deficiencies.

§ 102 Rejections

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-8 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,835,950 B2 (Brown et al).

The Examiner asserts that Brown teaches in figures 5 and 6, and in the appropriate column and lines, an OLED structure, comprising: a substantially flexible substrate; and at least one barrier layer, each of which includes a glass layer that has certain components added or removed, wherein the barrier layer substantially prevents contaminants from permeating a layer of organic material or the OLED structure.

Applicant contends that Brown does not teach an OLED structure comprising a barrier layer deposited thereon, the barrier layer including a glass layer that was impregnated with barium after the depositing. Applicant asserts that amended claim 1 is therefore allowable over Brown

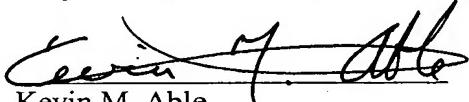
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Based upon the above amendments, remarks, and papers of records, applicant believes the pending claims of the above-captioned application are in allowable form and patentable over the prior art of record. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Applicant believes that no extension of time is necessary to make this Reply timely. Should Applicant be in error, Applicant respectfully requests that the Office grant such time extension pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) as necessary to make this Reply timely, and hereby authorizes the Office to charge any necessary fee or surcharge with respect to said time extension to the deposit account of the undersigned firm of attorneys, Deposit Account 03-3325.

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